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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. A courtesy copy of the communicated European Search Report issued on November 5, 2002, is submitted herewith.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by the following remarks:

As stated in the European Search report, European Application No. EP 0 917 988 A1 relies on U.S. Patent No. 6,356,645 B1 to Trenkle, and German Application DE 100 43 918 A1 is not translated into the English language. EP 0 717 575 B1 is discussed in the specification.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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